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Regents respond to students' budget concerns

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District 2 Regent Nancy O'Brien and her challenger in the Nov. 5 election, Howard Hawks, both said they are open to speaking with UNO students to discuss their concerns.

Both O'Brien and Hawks said they plan to attend classes in hopes of opening dialogue with students.

Hawks said he believes regents have to get in the mix to understand the real facts, such as how budget cuts affect students. His hope is to get engaged with the student body.

O'Brien shared his sentiment but said the regents have to be careful not to bypass UNO administrators.

O'Brien and Hawks, along with regents not up for re-election, Drew Miller (District 4) and Randy Ferlic, (District 8) participated in a forum at UNO Oct. 31. UNO's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance sponsored the forum, which was attended by about 40 people.

Debate moderator Angie Robertson, president of the FMLA, asked participants to refrain from comments on the hot topic of this year's regents election — fetal tissue research.

Instead, the panelists were asked a series of prepared questions relating to how the budget cuts are being handled on UNO's campus.

O'Brien said she likes to think of students in two ways: First, as customers of the university and second, as products of the university.

"We are very proud of the product we turn out," she said.

Hawks disagreed with her viewpoint.

"I think the kids and the students are the university," he said. "They aren't the customers, they are the university. They're the reason for the university."

Hawks said he is concerned the student regents from the four NU campuses are not voting members of the Board of Regents.

"It doesn't seem to me that it's right that it's none of the votes," he said.

Hawks also said he is concerned about the application of the budget cuts.

He said administrators' comments like, "Whatever plan saves more money is the most attractive plan," are wrong.

He thinks part or all of the funds needed to maintain the university could be raised from private people.

"A lot of people need to get to work to say, 'How do we fix this' and not wait to see what happens," he said.

O'Brien said the state Legislature tends to look at the cuts as abstract.

"They don't realize, as you do as students, that those are real teachers, real jobs, real programs," she said, "which have real effect on majors."

She said the Board of Regents does realize that, but it is not the board's job to micromanage the university and tell administrators which cuts to make.

O'Brien said she was impressed by the student's participation in Thursday's forum. She said only by recognizing criticisms is the university able to move forward.

Making a cultural connection ...



The Afghan women who are learning on campus absorbed some of UNO's athletic culture this weekend. They joined Chancellor Nancy Belck at a Maverick volleyball game Friday night at Sapp Fieldhouse. See page 15 for details of the game.

photo by Josh Williamson

Election results 'in dispute'

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The results of last week's Student Government run-off election are "in dispute," as three grievances have been filed alleging the violation of election rules.

About 50 supporters of losing candidates Krissy Vogel and Aaron Winters filed grievances alleging Chapter III, Section II, Rule A-5 of the 2002-03 election rules for candidates had been violated.

The rule states: "No mass e-mail or individual electronic mailings of campaign literature may be sent to the Student Body; this does not include e-mailing friends. This literature includes both positive and negative literature sent about a candidate by either [sic] them, by another candidate or by one of their representative [sic]. The definition of mass e-mail will be under the jurisdiction and interpretation of the Student Court."

Shay Riggs, student body president/regent and supporter of Vice President and Student Body President/Regent Elect Joe Bilek, sent an e-mail to the entire student population of the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences at 4:28 p.m. Oct. 30. The e-mail urged students to vote for Bilek and running mate Kamina Jones.

Riggs said she does not consider herself a representative of Bilek's campaign and that her e-mail is not a violation of campaign rules.

She said the word "representative" is not clearly defined in the campaign rules and that there is a difference

between being a representative and a supporter.

A total of 239 students received the e-mail from Riggs.

Barb Treadway-Janousek, director of Student Organizations and Leadership Programs, said about 400 votes had been cast by about 4 p.m. Wednesday. That means more than one-third of the 678 votes cast were done so after Riggs' e-mail was sent.

Vogel said she believes the e-mail could've effected the election's outcome.

Bilek also filed a grievance alleging a violation of the mass e-mail rule.

The e-mail in question came from Angie Robertson, a supporter of Vogel and Winters.

Roberts sent an e-mail to 40 people on Oct. 14, urging them to vote for Vogel and Winters.

The list was composed of students who signed up for e-mail updates at the student-led protest Oct. 10.

Robertson was an organizer of the protest and Vogel and Winters have been involved with the student group that remains active with budget-related issues.

Bilek's complaint cites a line from the e-mail that says, "For those of you who do not already know me, my name is Angie Robertson," as proof that the e-mail violates the rule.

Bilek's complaint, however, is void, said Steve Sladek, Student Court chief justice.

According to the 2002-03 election rules for candidates, all complaints must be filed no later than 24 hours after the polls have closed on the last day of the election.

Since the e-mail cited in Bilek's complaint referred to the initial election, which was held Oct. 15 and 16, it was two weeks past deadline. Sladek said though void, the complaint will be noted.

The third grievance, filed by Vogel, alleges Article II, Section I, Rule A-3 and Section II, Rule A-3 of the Student Government constitution was violated.

The rules state a run-off election is to be "exclusively between the two candidates receiving the most votes" in the initial election.

Vogel believes the allocation of write-in votes during the run-off was a violation of this rule. Five of the 678 votes cast were write-ins.

Treadway-Janousek said it is the Student Court's decision as to what action, if any, will be taken due to the grievances filed.

According to election rules, the court has until 96 hours after a complaint is filed, not counting the weekend, to render a decision.

The court will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Nov. 5 in the Redick Room of the Milo Bail Student Center. After hearing the complaints and accompanying comments, the court will render its decision.

The Student Court is made up of three students: Sladek, Dave Jarvis and Sam Recop.

Both Sladek and Jarvis are members of UNO's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, which Bilek is also a member of.

The court normally has five members, but two graduated in May and have not been replaced.

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Child Care Center receives grant to assist low-income families

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NEWS EDITOR

UNO's Child Care Center recently received a grant to help low-income parents attending college through the provisions of campus-based childcare services.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded the center a \$44,158 grant through its Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program. The four-year grant is renewable annually through September 2006.

Dawn Hove, director of the center, said institutions were eligible for a maximum grant award equal to one percent of the previous year's Federal Pell Grant disbursement.

She said the grant would help students with children stay in school.

"We are very excited to get the grant to help our student parents and their children," Hove said.

The grant will allow the center to implement a sliding fee scale for low-income families.

Although the center is open to students, faculty, staff and alumni, Hove said, the center is 60 percent student-based.

Hove said families that wish to apply for funding have to show a financial need.

The grant will also provide funds for staff training and development workshops, kitchen renovations, technical assistance for educational materials and supplies, fencing and a childcare needs assessment.

The child-care center was the first center in Nebraska to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children in 1990 and continues to maintain that



Josue Lamos (left), Jennifer Liu and David Huang check out the candy they snagged at the Child Care Center's Halloween celebration.

award.

Hove said her center provides quality care for families and a well-rounded experience for children and staff.

The center is open year-round from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It cares for nearly 100 children each semester. The ages of children range from 18 months to 6 years.

For more information about the center, call Hove at 554-3398 or visit her at Annex 47.

National guide cites UNMC/NHS physicians among best in nation

LEIA BAEZ
STAFF WRITER

More patients may be headed for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Nebraska Health System, as nine of UNMC/NHS physicians have been recognized as extraordinary physicians in the "America's Top Doctors" list.

The national guide is published annually by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. of New York City and is designed to identify doctors noted for excellence in diagnosing or treating a specific problem or disease, patient care excellence and outstanding research.

"America's Top Doctors" is also designed to meet the needs of those people who cannot find the right specialists locally but are willing to travel anywhere in the country for care from a top specialist at an outstanding hospital.

"We are thrilled to have these outstanding clinicians recognized for their extraordinary work," UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer said in a press release. "They epitomize the outstanding care that our faculty-physicians provide at our clinics and at Nebraska Health System, our clinical partner."

Ten Nebraska physicians were cited in the guide this year. Nine of them practice at UNMC/NHS.

The selection process for the guide is based on peer nomination. More than 250,000 physicians were asked to nominate top physicians in their own specialty and related specialties that they would refer their own patients. With more than 650,000 physicians in the United States, only 4,254 physicians were chosen.

"I think having nine of our physicians named to such a prestigious list says a lot about the quality of care at NHS," Glenn Fosdick, president and CEO, said in a press release. "To have these physicians nominated by their peers makes the recognition that much more meaningful. All are to be congratulated."

UNMC/NHS physicians recognized in the guide included:

- James O. Armitage, M.D., dean of the College of Medicine in medical oncology
- Steven M. Denenberg, M.D., assistant clinical professor of otolaryngology — head and neck surgery, in otolaryngology
- James Edney, M.D., professor surgery, in surgery

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UNMC names new research center after Charles Durham

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The new UNMC medical research center, still under construction, is to be named in honor of leading donor Charles W. Durham.

The name was announced during a ceremony held Oct. 23 in the area formerly named the Research Center of Excellence. The center was named after Omaha philanthropist Durham to thank and honor him for his generous contribution toward the newly restored research center.

The amount Durham donated has not been released to the public at his request.

The ceremony included observations from UNMC Chancellor Harold M. Maurer, who acted as emcee, as well as several

university, business and governmental figures. Future plans for the building were also discussed.

Expected to open by next fall, the \$77 million building is being funded completely by private donors. The building runs along 45th Street from Emile Street to Dewey Avenue.

The 10-level, 289,000-gross-square-foot research center will house 116 state-of-the-art research labs. There will also be a 319-seat auditorium, three classrooms and 12 rooms to be used for conferences or seminars.

Each of the floors and other areas will be named in honor for each of the principal donors. Principal donors include the Peter Kiewit Foundation, Suzanne and Walter Scott Jr., Ruth and Bill Scott, Stanley Truhlsen, M.D., Mary and Dick

Holland, The Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Memorial Foundation, Gail Walling Yanney M.D., and Michael Yanney and a donor who has asked to remain anonymous.

Durham is not a stranger to donating to UNMC. Along with his late wife Margre, Durham has been a very generous contributor to UNMC in the past. In 1998, they helped establish the Charles W. and Margre H. Durham Excellence in Medicine fund in order to further the research in areas such as prostate cancer, arthritis and minimally invasive surgery. With the donations from the couple, UNMC became the eighth medical center in the country to acquire the robotic daVinci Surgical System. With this new system,

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UNO to host business seminar, networking opportunities

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A business seminar geared toward women, people of color and disadvantaged business owners will be held Nov. 7 at UNO.

The 2002 Small Business Exchange will offer morning and afternoon sessions and workshops for the business owners at the William H. Thompson Alumni Center.

The morning session will begin at 9 a.m. and is a short program. Participants will share information about their business at an open session and then spend the remaining time networking.

The afternoon session is a repeat and will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.

Bill Bode, director of purchasing and material management at UNL, is coordinating the event. He said the group has held the event for more than six years. It will be the second time the seminar has been held in Omaha.

Some of the locations the seminar has traveled to in

Nebraska include North Platte, Scottsbluff and Lincoln.

The area business range from bonding and technical services to construction companies.

Companies attend the seminar because it helps promote their businesses. Bode said they gain assistance with bonding and bidding for their company.

There is no fee for attending the seminar but the group would like businesses to give advance notice of a head count.

"We want to have a general sense of how many companies to plan for," Bode said, "and to know how many would like to give a presentation."

Bode said the group would like to leave ample time for a very informal environment.

Those attending the free events will get to meet with and make a pitch to procurement professionals from various institutions. They include the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, UNO, the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Metro Community College, Offutt Air Force Base

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News from around the campus

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Let's talk business

A group of panelists in business and communication fields will discuss what is being done to make Omaha a more attractive place to live for the younger population.

The group will also discuss strategies to better market entertainment for Omaha's 20-something generation at a forum today from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Eppley Administration Building Auditorium.

The event is being sponsored by two student organizations in the UNO Communication Department, the Public Relations Student Society of America and the Ad Club.

Panelists include Kelly Roberts, director, Youth Leadership Omaha; Timothy Schaffert, managing editor, *The Reader*; Leslie Prisbell, art director, *The Reader*; Roger Christianson, manager, Omaha's Economic Development; Julie Dewitt, marketing coordinator and president, All About Omaha.Com; and Jason Lauritzen, president, Next Generation Omaha.

For more information, contact Karen Weber, PRSSA adviser, at 554-2246

Movies, movies, movies

Warrior and *Incident at Oglala* will be shown today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Dodge Room A of the Milo Bail Student Center. The documentaries will run continuously throughout the day.

Warrior is an 85-minute film directed by Suzie Baer. The film portrays the life of Leonard Peltier, the American Indian leader locked away for life in Leavenworth Penitentiary. He was convicted of murdering two FBI agents during a shootout on the Pine Ridge

Reservation in 1975.

Bruce Ellison, a longtime lawyer for Peltier, will give a presentation about the case at 11:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Room of the student center.

Incident at Oglala is a 93-minute documentary about the events surrounding the demonstrations at Wounded Knee in 1973 and those of today. The film was directed by Michael Apted and narrated by Robert Redford.

Get poked

Student Health Services will be shooting up the UNO community to prepare them for the flu season. Flu shots will be given Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No prior appointment is required. The cost of the shot is \$10 for students and \$15 for faculty and staff. SHS is located on the first floor of the Milo Bail Student Center. For more information, call 554-2743.

Challenging society

Asma Barlas will present the Anderberg Lecture "Challenging Patriarchal Interpretations of Islam" Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Barlas said her lecture deals with "the Qur'an's opposition to patriarchy and its support for sexual equality by means of an interpretive strategy that I derive from the Qur'an itself."

The event is free to the public and will be held in the William H. Thompson Alumni Center.

Education vs. Brown

Nevin Brown will present "Community Engagement with Metropolitan/Urban Schools" in the Bootstrapper Hall of the William H. Thompson Alumni Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Bode said.

The seminar is for people who don't know where to go and who to talk to.

"It's an opportunity to meet the people in the purchasing arena," Bode said. "This is the initial step toward finding public access."

Bode said the idea for the seminar originated from a national conference he attended. At the conference they encouraged business owners to network. He saw how successful a smaller networking seminar could be so he decided to propose the idea to his division.

For more information, contact the UNL purchasing department at (402) 472-2126.

Areas of enhanced research will include cancer, cardiovascular diseases, neuroscience, transplantation biology, genetics and eye research.

Maurer thanked the donors during Wednesday's ceremony, saying that without their generosity, the building would not be possible. The donors are responsible for the enhanced learning and researching for the medical center and for the future students studying to become the health professionals of tomorrow's world.

The College of Education, the College of Public Affairs and Community Service and the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium will host lecturer Brown. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Connie Schaffer at 554-2481.

Bloody Day

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at University Village Monday, Nov. 11.

Appointments will be taken from 3:30 to 6:15 p.m. The center encourages all blood types but is looking for those with type O blood.

Registration will be held in the University Village Clubhouse and a mobile unit will be on site for the donation. Those who wish to donate should bring identification or a Red Cross donor card.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 554-8555.

Mmm, lead

A group of sociology students at UNO will educate families in east Omaha's at-risk neighborhoods about how to prevent lead poisoning in their homes.

The students, in conjunction with the Service Learning Academy at UNO, will

host an informational meeting for parents at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Teacher Administrative Center, Room 405. The TAC Building is located at 3215 Cumming St.

The meeting will include free pizza and door prizes. It is free and open to the public.

The UNO students, under the direction of Shireen Rajaram, associate professor of sociology at UNO, are working with 12 day-care centers in east Omaha to educate children and parents about the sources of lead poisoning and how to prevent it. The project is one of several activities launched by an interdisciplinary team at UNO that was formed to address issues related to affordable housing in Omaha.

The meeting will feature presentations by a number of agencies collaborating with UNO on the lead poisoning prevention project, including the Douglas County Health Department, the Lead Safe Omaha Coalition, the City Planning Department, the Environmental Protection Agency and Family Housing Advisory Services.

For more information about the meeting or the lead poisoning prevention project, contact Rajaram at 554-3375 or 554-2470.

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Contracting, the Omaha Housing Authority, the state of Nebraska and many others.

"We encourage them to exchange business cards," he said, "because you never know where your next business opportunity or sale could come from."

Bode said 127 businesses attended the seminar in 1999 and they would like to see the same turnout.

Each business will be given two to three minutes to get up in front of the group to market their company. After the presentations, participants will break into informal network sessions.

"Building relationships is the key,"

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Nebraska was on the map in the area for computer-assisted surgery.

To thank the Durham family, the Outpatient Care Center was renamed to the Durham Outpatient Center and the parking garage connected to the center was named the Durham Outpatient Center Parking.

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Tom Drawl acts as auctioneer during University Village's recent date auction. The auction raised money for Ted E. Bear Hollow, a place grieving children can go to share stories and learn coping skills. Here, student and University Village resident Trisha Konechne reacts to a bidding war reaching \$100.



PHOTO BY W. BERRY

Dateless UV residents auctioned off for a good cause

DANIELLE PETERSEN
STAFF WRITER

Remember that old *Saved by the Bell* episode where they auctioned off Zack, Slater and Screech to the highest bidders for the date of every girl at Bayside's dream? It was all done to pay for new cheerleading uniforms.

Last Wednesday, the resident advisers of UNO's University Village held a date auction for the dateless kids who live on campus. The cause in this auction was a little more philanthropic – the proceeds went to help grieving children at Ted E. Bear Hollow.

Ted E. Bear Hollow is a place where children grieving the loss of a loved one can go to share stories and learn new coping skills. It was created in 1998 as a response to requests from parents and professionals for a place that children can go to get help from trained facilitators.

The auction had 20 participants up for bid, half girls and half guys. Date destinations won were all donated by local restaurants and entertainment establishments. The restaurants varied from The Olive Garden to Papa John's and entertainment from indoor ice skating to the zoo or a movie. Each dinner was worth at least \$20 and the entertainment was worth at least \$10.

"We all worked really hard to get this all together," RA Brigitte Hertlein said.

When sophomore Marrietta Harrison found out about the

auction from a RA, she decided it sounded like something new and different to do. She filled out a questionnaire about herself and some things she enjoys to do and later found out she was one of the lucky contestants.

Harrison, who celebrated her 19th birthday the day of the auction, said, "I needed a date bad."

Lemarr Womble ended up in the auction at the last minute when his friend had to drop out. When asked why he decided to do it, he said, "I'm a showman baby, it's what I do."

He said his girlfriend was at work and was not going to be able to bid on him but she was cool with him going out for the night with someone else.

Bidding in the packed clubhouse started at \$10 a date.

The emcees for the night were RAs Jenni Bogenreif and Melvin Gardner. The auctioneer was Tom Drawl.

Contestants were introduced with a song of their choice and brief bios were read as they drew their date destinations out of an envelope.

Harrison strutted across the stage on her turn to Shaggy's "Hey Sexy Lady" and ended up with a date to Red Rock Canyon Grille and a pass to the Papio Fun Center to the bidder who bid \$85.

Bidding ranged from \$20 all the way up \$122.

A grand total of \$902 was raised for Ted E. Bear Hollow at the event.

Celebrities, students choose abstinence

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People are, for the most part, impatient with life and the things they want to happen for them. Being patient and content isn't always easy, especially if it is with one of the hot topics of the 21st century – sex.

According to Emory: Family Planning and the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, "Abstinence means avoiding sex. Sex can have different definitions for different people. Some people define sex as penis-in-vagina intercourse. Others may include oral sex, anal sex or even kissing and touching. The way you define 'sex' determines what activities to avoid if you want to abstain."

There are many advantages to abstaining from sex. Abstinence is free and available to everyone; it's extremely effective at preventing both pregnancy and infection. It can be started at any time in your life.

Abstinence may encourage people to build relationships in other ways. It may be the course of action you feel is right for you and makes you feel good about yourself.

Of course, there are the disadvantages. If you're counting on abstinence and you change your mind in the heat of the moment, you might not have birth control handy. Some people would like to be prepared and have a condom or spermicide available in case they change their mind.

Others feel having a contraceptive available might tempt them. Some people find not having sex frustrating. Several UNO students and even celebrities believe in practicing abstinence.

"You should believe in abstaining because sex is something shared between two people that is special," says junior public relations/advertising major Lisa Scheve. "It is not something that is given to anyone random."

Junior business major Natasha Hurkman agrees.

"Abstinence will lower pregnancy rates, STDs and HIV, and relationships will benefit," she says.

Maybe abstinence is a problem for some because of our everyday life. Could it be that we just don't see things the abstinence way?

"People seem to forget," says freshman Christine Didamo. "Sex is very much physical but it is also very much emotional after taking place. Sometimes people just feel not worth waiting for and that is why they would

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People look over the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, D.C. The quilt is made of squares created in remembrance of people who have died from AIDS.

World AIDS Day to be commemorated worldwide Dec. 1

CYNTHIA VANA
STAFF WRITER

According to the World AIDS Day Web site at www.worldaidsday.org, by the end of this year an estimated 45 million people in the world will be infected with the AIDS virus. If a UNO student is one of those infected, he or she may be relieved to know others are working hard to diminish the stigma and prejudice attached to AIDS and HIV.

November is National AIDS Awareness Month and this year's World AIDS Day, now in its 14th year, will be commemorated around the world Dec. 1.

Two major AIDS awareness organizations, the National AIDS Trust and the World AIDS Campaign, are sponsoring educational campaigns, "Live and Let Live" and "Are You HIV Prejudiced?" which focus on eliminating the discrimination, stigma and prejudice associated with AIDS.

Both campaigns address the fact that one of the biggest problems HIV infected people face is not the illness itself but the rejection by friends, coworkers and sometimes even family members.

The World AIDS Day Web site includes global statistics about the AIDS epidemic, such as the fact that 5 million people were newly infected with the AIDS virus in 2001 alone. Three million people died from AIDS the same year – that's more than 8,000 deaths each day. And a stunning 13.2 million children throughout the world were AIDS orphans in 2001.

Anyone can take the 20-question "Are You HIV Prejudiced?" test to see how much

they know about HIV / AIDS at the Web site. The site also contains 10 case studies about ordinary people who are dealing with AIDS.

While 95 percent of AIDS cases occur in the world's poorest countries, the problem is no small matter in the United States. According to statistics published by the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, more than 816,000 AIDS cases were reported in 2001, with persons between the ages of 13 and 29 accounting for over 138,000 of the cases.

The World AIDS Day campaign calls it "a battle against the epidemic" and offers advice to anyone who is infected or has a friend or family member who is infected, such as tips for dealing with the associated stigmas and sources for medical care or counseling.

The National AIDS Helpline is available 24 hours a day by calling 1-800-342-2437.

UNO Student Health Services offers confidential and anonymous HIV testing. Students who want an HIV test do not have to use their real names. The SHS office exercises several other measures to ensure students' anonymity. Students can receive more information by stopping by the SHS office on the first floor of the Milo Bail Student Center or by calling the office at 554-3171.

World AIDS Day, commemorated every year on Dec. 1, was founded in 1988 by the World Summit of Ministers of Health on AIDS in London, at which 140 countries were represented.

Last-minute voting information available online

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STAFF WRITER

It's Nov. 5, have you cast your vote yet? Or are you still not sure which candidate to cast your vote for?

With all the candidates, the choices can be confusing. Up for re-election are the offices of state governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer and auditor. Other state, local (depending on where you live) and county offices and school boards are also up for re-election.

For candidate profiles and additional information, check out these Web sites:

www.omaha.com: Here you will find brief bios and question/answer sessions. You will also find links to many of the

candidates' Web sites.

www.444vote.net: This site also gives information about the candidates and has a section where you can enter your home address if you are not sure where your polling precinct is.

Additional information on where to vote can also be found on the registration confirmation cards mailed by the Election Commission to voters a month ago. Information such as your voting place and precinct and district numbers can be found on the card. If you do not have the card, phone 444-7200.

When going to vote at your specific place, be sure to have your ID with you. Polls open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

UNO's Student Health Services offers free confidential HIV testing

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November is AIDS Awareness Month. It is reported that nearly 3 million people die of AIDS each year and 40 million people are currently living with the disease.

UNO Health Services offers testing for HIV and other STDs along with counseling.

Marcia Adler, a registered nurse with UNO's Student Health Services, said HIV testing is offered year round on campus. The only thing a person has to do to be tested is call for information or for an appointment.

Adler and one other SHS staff member became certified in HIV / AIDS testing over three years ago. Since that time, one other has become certified, making three testers available to offer the service to students and staff on campus.

"I would encourage students to come in and get tested," Adler says. "There are so many other things to worry about when in college, don't let this be one of them."

The test itself is a very simple process. The patient has the option to do a blood test or saliva test if afraid of needles. Both processes are equally effective in detecting the beginning signs of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Although HIV can be difficult to detect at its early stages and repeat testing may have to occur, these are sufficient methods for early detection.

The blood test involves blood being drawn from the vein of a patient, while the saliva test involves a rubber flat scraper. The scraper is easily run down the side of your mouth to remove materials with no pain involved.

The test takes 30 minutes in all to perform. Testing includes an assessment form, counseling session and the actual

test, which is only a couple of minutes.

The counseling session is optional and involves strategy planning to help make better decisions in the future. Student Health Services also offers urine tests for chlamydia and gonorrhea.

Confidentiality is the key to this very private testing process. The SHS staff is aware of the uneasiness that may come from being tested. That is why the staff offers a completely anonymous test or a confidential test.

During an anonymous test, the person does not have to give any information about them, such as a name or phone number. However, the person does have to remember to pick up the results, because there is no way to contact them. During a confidential test, patients can use a real or fake name but must give a phone number so they can be reached when the test results are finished.

In addition to HIV testing, this month SHS is also involved in a random school-wide survey on the general health issues students face. It will be sent out through the Internet in hopes that students will respond. The survey will be anonymous in its results but the people who participate will have a chance to win gift certificates for the bookstore and other places. UNO is one of five schools nationwide participating.

Adler offers some advice for making intelligent decisions.

"I often tell my patients that relationships are difficult and the brain will rationalize anything to make it seem right, but in a complicated situation always trust your gut," she says. "Your gut feeling is never wrong and always use it when making decisions."

To make an appointment or for more information, contact SHS at 554-2374 or go to the office on the first floor of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Traditional Chinese Art Exhibition of Australian Artist Zhang Cuiying



For Zhang, art is expression of the artist's inner world. Zhang's inner world is a belief in honesty, kindness and patience.

Her paintings have been exhibited in over 20 countries and 60 cities. The beauty and inner peace of Zhang Cui Ying's traditional Chinese paintings have touched the hearts of thousands.

For her belief in the principles of Falun Dafa; Truth, Compassion and Tolerance, Zhang suffered eight months of imprisonment and torture in Chinese jails when she went to tell the government that Falun Dafa is good and their persecution of Falun Dafa is wrong.

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Many attractions keep young in Omaha

JOSH MEINERS
STAFF WRITER

How does Omaha keep its young people? This is the question UNO professor Barbara Hewins-Maroney posed to her Urban Studies class.

Hewins-Maroney felt compelled to ask this question after hearing the topic discussed in various community groups. She felt the best way to answer the question was to ask young people themselves.

"Usually it's a group of older adults who are continually trying to come up with ways to keep youth in Omaha," she said. "I wanted to find out first-hand what young people's thoughts were regarding the issue."

The answers Hewins-Maroney received were somewhat surprising to her.

"I was expecting to hear a lot more about casinos," she says. "Very few students even mentioned gambling as something they were interested in as a means of entertainment."

The most common answer that was suggested involved the drinking hours of bars in Omaha.

"The majority of the students said that the bars should stay open an extra hour until 2 a.m., like in Council Bluffs," she says. "The students felt that too many people are getting in car accidents crossing the river when the bars close in Omaha. I wasn't even aware that Council Bluffs bars were open later than Omaha."

Omaha software developer Jeff Huston is the creator of the Web site www.comaha.com. The site is a testament to Huston's passion for the city.

"I have an interest in Omaha in general — attractions, sites, developments — and I have

used both the Web site and my interest in photography to share information on Omaha with rest of the world," he says.

Huston feels keeping Omaha's youth may not be a serious problem.

"I've never really felt Omaha was at a significant disadvantage compared to any other average, Midwestern city when it came to attracting and retaining young people," he says. "If you look at the growth trends, Omaha is actually growing faster than average when compared to the rest of the Midwest."

According to Huston, part of the reason why Omaha loses young people is because of the climate.

"The Midwest in general is losing out to warmer climates and more geographically diverse regions like the Rocky Mountains," he says. "In spite of this, we've grown at better than 12 percent over the past decade. How much faster do we want to grow?"

Huston believes feeling entertained is related to one's attitude.

"I think fun is what young people make of what we have and we have a lot," he said. "We have one of the longest systems of bike trails in the nation, excellent museums, the zoo, a beautiful botanical garden, arena football, the Royals, Creighton basketball, UNO hockey, the symphony, ballet, the nation's largest community playhouses, one of the nation's largest theaters for young people, shopping, new restaurants opening nearly every day, the Old Market, Gene Leahy Mall and Heartland of America Park."

Both Huston and Hewins-Maroney feel some of the most promising developments for

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Got bad professors? Rate them online at myprofessorsucks.com

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

All students have professors, but not all professors are created equally. Some inspire and entrance students while others make students wish they had never gotten out of bed.

How can one find out what to expect from a class and the personality of a potential professor?

Similar to www.unoground.com, the Web site www.myprofessorsucks.com is trying to provide answers to that question for students in the United States and Canada.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln alum Kasey Kerber is the founder and president of the Web site. The site recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. The past year has been a productive one for Kerber and his site.

"Approximately 7,401 evaluations were submitted on 3,173 professors," Kerber says.

The site also had 220,338 visitors in the past year.

When students visit the site, they may search for a professor multiple ways. Professors are searchable by last name, state, college and subject taught. Currently, UNO only has three professors profiled on the Web site.

Students have the option of posting their real name or remaining anonymous when evaluating a professor. Posts include a checklist of both positive and negative qualities.

Some positive feedback options are: has excellent teaching methods or approach, is interesting/entertaining/funny, brings discussion into classroom, motivates

students to do well, is willing to help students anytime and shows a great knowledge of the subject matter.

A few possible negative feedbacks are: professor is boring or bland, confusing or hard to understand, expectations are unclear or lofty, poor sense of humor, gives difficult tests or assignments and makes class too challenging or not challenging enough.

Students also are asked to rate professors in four categories. A scale of "A+ to F" is used to rank coolness, ease, worth and overall grade.

Space is left for students to leave additional comments about their love or hate for their professors.

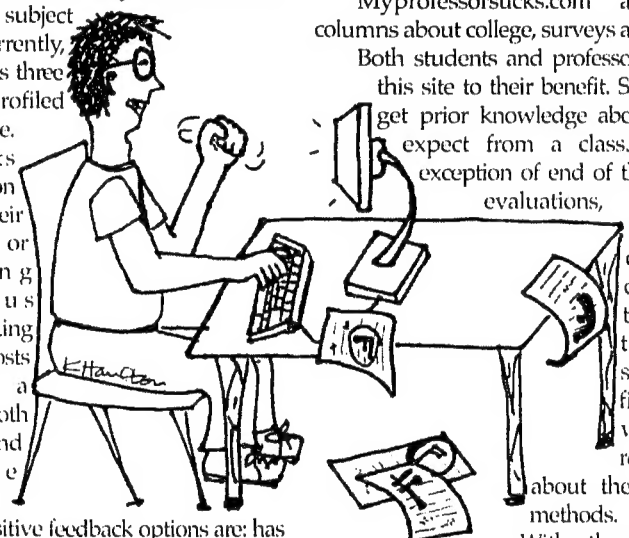
Myprofessorsucks.com monitors the comments and has an area dedicated to humorous professor feedback left by students.

Sample comments include "I think his Media Arts 201 class led, in part, to my moderate madness. At one point in the semester, he played a film in which the audio kept saying 'destroy' over and over and over again, for about 20 minutes."

Myprofessorsucks.com also offers columns about college, surveys and contests.

Both students and professors may use this site to their benefit. Students can get prior knowledge about what to expect from a class. With the exception of end of the semester evaluations, professors rarely get a chance to delve into the minds of their students to find out what they really think about their teaching methods.

With the Web site, professors and students alike get the chance to learn something.



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New operating room technology benefits doctors, patients

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STAFF WRITER

Imagine being a physician or medical student who's able to view a live surgery and talk to the physician while he is performing the surgery. Imagine if you were able to do this if you were in Omaha or anywhere across the world.

On Oct. 31 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, members of the press and public were invited to watch a live gallbladder removal while teleconferencing with the physician, Dmitry Oleynikov, M.D., who performed the surgery.

This new technology, called the StorzORI system, allows multiple images to be sent to teleconference rooms all over the world via the Internet and integrates all operating room tools through the use of a computer.

"Surgery today is dependent more and more upon computers, video screens and other technologies," Oleynikov says. "Currently, it is difficult to use all of these technologies together. The benefit of the StorzORI system is a seamless integration between man and machine."

Not only does the StorzORI benefit doctors all over, it also is a great benefit in the

operating room. The system allows the surgeon to access patient records and data, consult with and receive input from other physicians in complicated procedures and allows for greater precision in the operation itself.

"We're hoping to perform surgery with greater assistance from machines and therefore be much more precise," Oleynikov says.

Because the system is located off the floor, cords and movement of operating room equipment are eliminated. This cuts down on the amount of movement in the operating room, which allows more time to focus on the surgery. Manager of NHS Surgical Services Mark Emodi, R.N., says the StorzORI limits the amount of movement of very heavy machinery by nurses in the OR.

"Currently we have very large video towers that are required to be moved to each OR by the nursing staff," he says. "This system will allow the nursing staff to move equipment without the physical exertion of moving the machinery."

The surgical team can control OR settings at the touch of a button.

The StorzORI also incorporates the daVinci surgical robot. Serving as a surgical

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Winterization begins as cold weather takes over

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Despite the very best efforts of all of us to avoid the unavoidable, winter has indeed arrived. Halter tops, flip-flops and shorts must be packed away to make room for foxy furs, long johns and woolly scarves.

Although many of us desperately cling to summertime apparel, the dismal drear of wintertime has begun to forcefully change our clothing choices. No longer can a mere jacket be worn to keep warm; no longer are days cool and crisp. Pedestrians are seen scurrying along, pink-faced with runny noses. The cold has taken over.

Not only has winter affected our apparel, it has most definitely affected our transportation. We try and try to push our rollerblades through the snow — to no avail, of course.

Car windows are sealed tight and the air conditioner has been forced into retirement. Thus, heat must prevail.

Car windows steam over but this can be helped. Go to the closest general store and pick up a little Rain-X Anti-fog for windows. Yes, indeed, it eliminates and prevents fog and condensation on interior glass and mirrors — surely a critical issue when it comes to safe driving during those pesky Midwestern winters.

Also, a handy item is plain old Rain-X, which kindly repels rain, sleet and snow, offering increased visibility and driving safety.

Another more general thing to consider — most auto retailers recommend everyone get their cars checked out by a place such as Grease Monkey for a pre-winter oil change, among other things. While there, it might not be a bad idea to get the radiator flushed to allow for effective heating and cooling of the car all winter long.

Along with that, have the technician make sure the car has all-weather tires. If it isn't a four-wheel drive vehicle, all-weather tires are a must to navigate through the streets of Nebraska on those snow-filled mornings.

Finally, fortify the car with things such as an ice scraper, some extra mittens or gloves, a jacket, a blanket, a flashlight and maybe a few Power Bars just in case it happens to stall on some deserted highway late at night. Better safe than sorry.

After the car is ready for winter, many things must be done to prepare a house. Apartment dwellers are in luck, for most of these tedious pre-winter chores won't apply.

First, one must install storm windows

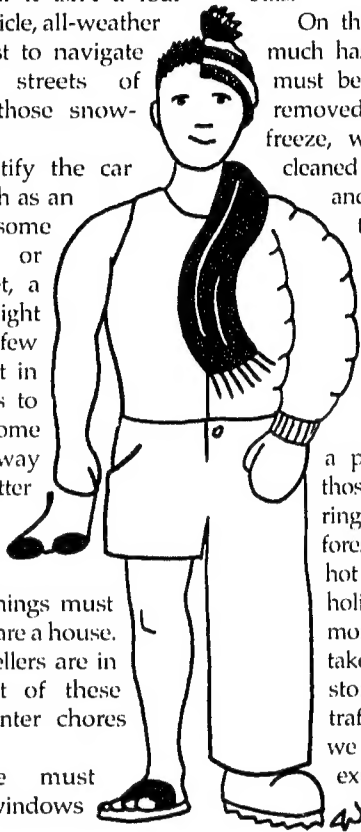
to provide for more proficient heating. Without such windows, the heat tends to escape, making the bills more costly and the house more cool.

Weather stripping the doors is also a necessity for the very same reason. We don't want that heat escaping.

Energy companies recommend changing the furnace filter monthly during the heating season to increase fuel efficiency and lower heating bills.

On the exterior of the house, much has to be done. The yard must be raked, hoses must be removed so the faucets don't freeze, window wells must be cleaned out and covered so snow and ice don't build up and the eaves must be thoroughly cleaned so run-off can easily drain off the roof. For the gardener at heart, this is the time to put down fall fertilizer.

So while winterizing is a pain, it's almost one of those annual celebrations to ring in this time of year. It foreshadows snow fights and hot chocolate, sledding and holidays and brings out a more giving, jovial spirit. So take heed and prepare for ice storms and slow-moving traffic, knowing that in it all, we all love winter to some extent.



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hand, the robot is controlled by joysticks and sends a video signal to the StorzOR1. The camera and the robotic hand allow for greater precision, greater clarity and give a magnified view of the patient's organs. The surgeon is also allowed to sit comfortably instead of having to stand and shift weight.

"It allows me to perform surgery with greater ease," Oleynikov says.

The StorzOR1 and daVinci robot also benefit the patient in surgery and recovery time.

The patient, a 40-year-old woman, suffered from gallstones, which required her gallbladder to be removed. With the aid of the daVinci, a half-inch incision was made but was widened due to the gallstones. Without the daVinci, an incision of 6-8 inches would have been made, which would increase the recovery time. The smaller incision provides a quicker healing time.

"What I usually tell my patients is if they get the surgery on a Monday or within the week, they should be feeling fine and back to work the following Monday," Oleynikov says.

Other procedures the StorzOR1 and the daVinci have been used for include minimally invasive surgery, orthopedic, urologic, obstetrical, gynecologic and other surgeries.

The StorzOR1 system is the only one in Nebraska. There are currently 60 systems in the United States. Oleynikov expects the number to increase due to the system's capabilities.

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Omaha's youth are located on the riverfront. Some of the riverfront projects Huston cited were the new convention center and arena as well as the pedestrian bridge. Regarding these developments, Hewins-Maroney said, "People like to be around water. It has a very calming element to it."

Huston is also very excited about the projects planned for the Iowa side of the Missouri River.

"The recent announcement of the amusement and water parks in Council Bluffs should bolster things further," he says.

According to Hewins-Maroney, education is another major factor in attracting young people to Omaha.

"UNO needs to provide the best quality education that we possibly can," she says.

Huston feels UNO is on the right track toward attracting prospective students.

"The education options are very good," he says. "UNO continues to grow and expand — although I realize recent cuts were discouraging — especially looking at the information technology school, which is receiving national recognition."

"Omahans should be excited about everything going on in this town of ours," Huston says.

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choose not to abstain.

"It is the message we are sending to children through their schools, parents and peers. And from the media that we watch and the peers we deal with, those resources tell us it's OK not to abstain, so that brings us to where we are today."

Just because the media and peers are affecting our everyday lives doesn't necessarily mean they are effecting our lives for the worse. A wave of celebrities declaring their virginity includes pop singers Jessica Simpson, Jaci Velasquez and even Britney Spears. Spears has declared she wants to stay a virgin until married, according to the article "Saving Themselves: Pop Stars on Abstinence."

Simpson says she views sex as one of life's great opportunities.

"Abstinence is a personal choice that everyone has to make," she says. "Whether you refrain from sex based on religious beliefs, to avoid pregnancy or sexually-transmitted diseases, the choice is yours. Knowing virginity is 'in' can make the decision easier."

Professional basketball player AC Green may look like a typical macho guy who plays basketball and does his thing but there is more to this man of dignity and respect. He even showcases many sites on the Web that promote abstinence.

"God is the God of the second chance," he says. "I am a virgin by choice and I hold that decision with honor and respect. But if you can't make that same claim, then God can help you reclaim the virtue of purity. Remember: Manhood is not defined by how many girls you can get pregnant."

Student Body President/Regent Shay Riggs shares her views on abstinence: "If someone feels a certain way about abstinence, they shouldn't compromise themselves to fit societal trends."

"Should someone believe in abstinence? Personally, I don't, but you shouldn't condemn people who feel the opposite way. It's wonderful for those who stick to personal beliefs."



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This school just can't let an election pass easily.

After last year's election, an affair that lumbered on for nearly three months, I thought we were lucky to have gotten by with a two-week extension for a run-off.

I was wrong.

The alleged violation of campaign rules have caused the future of the position of student body president/regent to be in question yet again—just when the school was about to see the first elected student body president/regent in about a year and a half take oath.

"You journalists love this stuff," one of the people I interviewed for today's front page story told me.

He may have been partially right, but not for the reason he thinks, I'm sure.

Even though I am a journalist, I do not like political controversy. Heck, I don't even like politics.

What I do like is people.

I don't like writing about things like election controversies because they are juicy news. While that is true, and stories like the one on the front page are among the most-read because of the scandal involved, I don't like writing them for the glory of exposing something or someone.

I like writing them because I like people, and along with that, I like righting a wrong whenever possible.

I do believe Krissy Vogel was wronged in the situation, but I don't

Partly sunny

Kristin Zagurski

believe her supporters filing a grievance is going to get her anywhere.

Shay Riggs, whom I believe to be a representative of Joe Bilek if only for the fact that he is her current right-hand man, clearly violated election rules by sending a mass e-mail to nearly 250 people mere hours before polls closed, urging them to vote for Bilek and Kamina Jones.

Though Riggs did not know many of the recipients (proof that rules were indeed violated), her opinion could've had weight considering her position on campus.

The fact that one-third of the total votes cast came in after Riggs' e-mail was sent only gives more merit to Vogel's supporters' complaint.

Conversely, the e-mail sent by Angie Robertson Oct. 14 that allegedly violated campaign rules probably did not sway opinions.

The 40 people who received Robertson's e-mail solicited it. They signed up to be on a mailing list for current budget issues at the Oct. 10 student-led protest.

Vogel and Winters had been active with Robertson's group and had personally made contact with many of the people who received the e-mail. The people involved with the group did not need an e-mail to sway their votes; they needed an e-mail to remind them to vote.

Two similar, yet very different acts

that have put the entire election "in dispute."

But what form of justice can be brought to Vogel?

How can the wrong be righted?

Simply, it most likely will not be.

Not only does Bilek have the support of Riggs and of those in the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs office (as could be seen by their collective wearing of green Bilek/Jones stickers during the elections), he likely has the support of the Student Court, which determines what actions (if any) will be taken as a result of the grievances' filing.

Two of the three members of the Student Court are members of UNO's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, which Bilek is also a member of.

Furthermore, as vice president, it is Bilek's duty to appoint students to the Student Court (Which he isn't doing a great job at considering two of its seats have been unfilled since May).

Taking it all into consideration, I'm sure justice will be swift (and unjust) in this situation.

The court will hold a hearing, make its decision and Bilek will take office in January, just as students twice voted to have him do.

And as for Vogel?

If you ask me, she should keep fighting her fight—but not against the election results.

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Use votes to check and balance

The war on Iraq now seems to be a forgone conclusion. But we are the ones who will pay for the war effort. At the same time, protesting the war is considered unpatriotic. We are expected to let our loved ones fight and die while war profiteers rake in the rewards.

We have become a society where a small yet powerful elite is manipulating the masses through patriotic politics and propaganda. Under such circumstances, democracy is always in jeopardy. While the magnitude of the problem might be new to us, the problem itself is not new.

Sept. 11 is the best example of this irony. When the terrorists attacked, hundreds of firefighters rushed to the scene to save people, only to lose their own lives in the process. In the ensuing madness, thousands of workers, volunteers and firefighters undertook the dangerous rescue and cleanup efforts.

As politicians and the media announced the new patriotic spirit in America, victims were being compensated under an unfair system that undervalues the worth of ordinary American lives. Meanwhile, corporations were busy stealing pension funds and selling their failing stocks before it was too late.

There is even some doubt about the dealings of the president and vice president in corporate scandals. Some unanswered questions remain about Bush's trading in Harken Energy stock. Cheney's Halliburton Corporation could also be involved in corporate looting but we might never find out.

Sept. 11 softened the political

De novo

Shawn Ryba

atmosphere significantly for the White House and top government officials. Imagine if the same scandals occurred before Sept. 11 and involved the Clinton administration. Now, emboldened by this event, Washington's military adventurism is also motivated by profit.

By supporting the war, we are all now investing in energy stocks, regardless of whether we choose to play the market. More importantly, the investment of our tax dollars and lives is one we made long ago by virtue of being citizens. Which stock would you rather invest in? I would rather invest in education, democracy and protecting the environment.

It is amazing how such a tragedy as Sept. 11, or war for that matter, can be such a blessing to some. As the economy declined, the government handed billions of dollars to large corporations, who then turned around and lay off thousands of employees. At the same time, the government did not waste any time in expanding its powers at the expense of civil rights.

The first victims were Middle Eastern and Central Asian immigrants, who continue to face racist harassment as suspected terrorists. Hundreds are still jailed without any charges pressed against them and without access to legal representation.

Blacks and Latinos mistakenly believed they were part of the new patriotic community but the legitimizing of racial profiling has

only paved the way for increased racism and harassment.

More recently, under the mantra of national security, there were threats of use of force to break strikes on the West Coast. In fact, the definition of terrorism is so broad, arguably no one is immune from adverse government action under the Patriot Act. It will be interesting to see what kinds of powers the new office of Homeland Security will acquire. Long established principles, such as the right of labor to organize, civil rights and protection of minorities are all at stake here.

The message we must send to our politicians is that before we engage in any more wars, we need to pay attention to problems at home. The foundation of our democracy is threatened more from internal threats than from rogue states like Iraq or even North Korea. Besides, if we undertake military action unilaterally, we would be no different than those rogue states we are fighting except we would be an imperialist rogue state.

If Republicans win the upcoming elections and control both the House and Senate, our system of checks and balances will be meaningless, given all the post-Sept. 11 propaganda. Even though the Democratic Party does not necessarily have the answers to all our problems, imagine what the next two years would be under a Bush administration that also controls the legislature and the judicial branch. Use your voting power to make sure this does not happen.

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The common person ... that ubiquitous man or woman you see everywhere—at the mall, in the classrooms, on the streets and at the gas station. He is the fellow who cuts you off as you are driving furiously to the hospital to offer emotional support to your wife who is giving birth to your first child. She is the sales clerk with the false smile, the well-practiced "How do you do?" and the dreamy face. There is also my personal favorite, the bus regular.

The bus regular is a unique person, a kind of global constant. "Private affairs" is a concept unknown to the regular. The regular freely and willingly discloses bathroom, bedroom and backroom details. The regular has an ever-enraptured audience in the company of others of his species. Politics, religion and sex are the regular's favorite topics of discourse and views pertaining to those are blared for all to hear and agree, disagree or wink at.

The regular inundates us with details about the workings of the government and high-level conspiracies in dark places.

The regular opines: "AIDS ... now you see summ'n' 'bout AIDS ... I figures deys already got a cure for dat dizeaze ... See it's a project ... a conspiracy. All dem greedy kurp'rate xikutives jes tryin' to drive up prices ... Deys got a cure. Jes waitin' for the right tam to r'leaze it."

The regular posits: "Am jes sick and tir'ed of some folk up in Wash'n'ton tryin' to use nan 'leven as an icuse for war ... jes trying to kill innicent folks ... in the name of a war on tirror ... I figures dey 'new summ'n' 'bout it ... Jes like Pearl 'arbor."

The regular even goes so far as to boldly declare: "Dey wuz behind it ... Am tellin' you the guv'mint wuz b'hind dem tirror attacks."

Religion, of course, is not left out the regular's area of expertise. Hear him: "Who's seen God? Dere ain't no God anywhere and if dere iz ... iz a black man."

"Gawwwddd and Jizzus ... dem all black men."

"Why Jeezzuz allus got ta be white?"

"I ain't servin' no white Jeezzuz."

"If there ain't nothin' Gawd don't know and ain't b'hind ... why sum preacher wan' me to wist precious tam prayin'?"

Sometimes to the regular, however, "the good lord" is not a distant divine being but an ever present deliverer and succor. The regular happily testifies: "I jes thank d' good lord who brought me thru' I couldn' have made it without 'im'"

If he or she is of an apocalyptic bent, the regular has no qualms with standing at the bus stop and protesting in the most solemn tones: "Am tellin' you ... Iz all a sign of jidgm'nt ... Tis the good I'rd rain'ng down iz fire up'n 'Merica jes like he did on Sodom and Gommorha ... 'cos we done took the good lord out of everything we do."

Of recent, I had the privilege of sorts to listen to two regulars bandy opinions about the beltway sniper issue.

"I cannot believe dat sniper wuz a black man."

"'Woke me up at 1:15 a.m. ... and dere he wuz ... black man."

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Coming to America



Fisayo Adejuyigbe

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Average is obsolete when shopping in a sea of 0s

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the average American woman is approximately 5 foot 4 and weighs 152 pounds. That would put the average woman around a size 11/12 or 13/14, depending on body type. So why are these sizes not readily available?

Clothing designers have come up with a size 0 to accommodate people with near non-existent waists. But the majority of designers fail to recognize the bulk of American women.

The usual department store does not keep the typical consumer in mind when it comes to size. I am sure the stores order at least *some* clothes size 11 and up, but I am not seeing them.

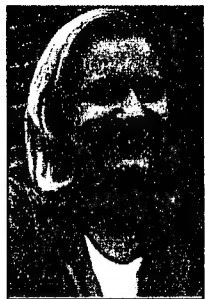
Occasionally, I have happened upon a size of the double digits. There will only be one and it usually is deeply hidden amid single-digit sizes. The only reason one is left is because it has suffered some form of defect. A few lucky average-sized women may end up with a decent product since they got there first. For the rest of us, we are screwed.

I applaud stores like Torrid and Lane Bryant that have taken the idea of plus sizes and put them to work.

However, with a plus-size store, there is also a problem for an average woman. Most plus-sized stores start at a size 16. With the average woman being between a size 11 and 14, the plus-sized stores do not prove to be a solution either.

I am beginning to wonder if clothing companies do any consumer research at all. If they wanted to know their market, one would think they would consult people of all shapes and sizes. If I am able to get on the Internet and

Smile and nod



Sarah Meedel

find out the height, weight and size of the average American woman from a reliable source, I would like to think they are capable of the same. I honestly think if manufactures knew their consumers a bit better, everyone would be just a smidge happier. Companies would make more money and women would have clothes that fit properly.

People magazine recently put out an issue with the cover reading "Sexy at any size." I am a firm believer in that, but it is hard for a woman to be as beautiful as she can be when she can't even find clothes that fit! The search for the perfect fit becomes even harder when you are an average woman and cannot find items in your size.

So what is the solution? I propose the clothing designers pay a little more attention to the buyers. I suggest a compromise among stores.

Stores that cater to single-digit-sized women push the up bar a little; get daring, order a couple extra size 12s. Trust me, they will sell.

Plus-sized stores, take into consideration those who are not a size 16 or above. Give size 14 a shot.

It would be glorious if every store in the nation offered variety of clothing in a size 0 to a size 36W. The chances of that ever happening are slim to none. But couldn't they just bend a little in order to satisfy the average American woman?

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"But you don't know for sure dat dey did it ... cuz dey said dey wuz jes suspekts."

"Ohh ... dey did it alright ... iz as plain as noonday."

"Well ... I heard on the 5 a.m. repit dat one of dem wuz a young guy 'f 'bout twenny."

"That's not what I heard ... I heard dat he wuz 17."

"Well, someone's lying then ... cuz dey done change the story all over agin. At 1:15 dey say he's 17 and at 5 dey said he's twenny ... so who's lying?"

"I jes know what I heard..."

The participants paused for a moment, in deep consideration of the facts before them and the possibility of having to consider that subject of universal interest: a government cover-up.

After mulling over the facts and considering them from various angles ... after probing the issues at stake and comparing them with evidence archived in the "bus regulars intelligence network," one of the regulars, a wizened man of about 60-plus years spoke up heatedly and with passion: "I jes don't know what dis country's coming to. I jes don know. If a kid of 17 can take a gun and snipe folks to death from a distance ... I jest don't know ... and the guv'mint says we can't beat dem kids ... and now you got black kids runnin' round sniping folks from a van ..."

He paused as he warmed to his theme: "Now who's gonna suffer when dem kids are runnin' 'round shooting everybody to death? And its black folks dem the most in prisons anyways ... and the guv'mint says we can't beat dem kids ..."

He looked around and proclaimed the grandest of final thoughts a regular could have on any topic of such importance: "I tell you what ... it's a conspiracy."

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Tori Amos asks questions in *Scarlet's Walk*

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Tori Amos' new album, *Scarlet's Walk*, is about questioning things.

It's about questioning America's historical roots and whether the country is in the right hands it needs to be for protection.

"I think your generation has an opportunity to rise," Amos said to a group of college journalists during a Sony music conference call Friday.

She said our generation, the dragon generation, has the power to make change.

She said those in power do not see us as a threat because we are distracted and do not trust our own power.

"We must look to you," she said. "I'm one of many holding a space for you to see your power."

"There have been generations that have chosen not to pick up the torch. We believe in you. It's all there."

Amos said *Scarlet's Walk* is inspired by being on the road after Sept. 11, 2001, when she saw people's relationships with America change very quickly before her eyes.

Amos was in New York City on Sept. 11 getting ready for a television appearance when airplanes smashed through the Twin Towers.

She said she walked down Fifth Avenue and smelled America burning.

"Maybe smelling her burning that day ... knowing that yes, many human lives were lost in the tragedy, many of us were realizing that America has a soul and was alive," Amos said.

After that day, Amos rethought her relationship with and responsibility to America.

"I was beginning to see a torch being lit," Amos said. "A questioning that I hadn't seen in a long time."

"Are the people that are representing this country really good for this country that I'm feeling more [for] than I felt before?" she asked herself.

Amos' character in the album, Scarlet, is drawn to different people



Amos said the theme for her upcoming tour, which begins Nov. 7 in Tampa, Fla., is a mythological fire.

She said when people sit down by a fire with storytellers they walk away seeing things differently than when they sat down.

Amos considers the performances, which she said are more exciting for her than for the audience, ceremonies.

"We take it very seriously but hopefully with a giggle," she said.

The first single off *Scarlet's Walk*, "A Sorta Fairytale," brings the idea of storytelling into the album.

Amos, the mother of a 2-year-old, said she is beginning to re-approach children's tales with a new respect.

She said the fact that many fairytales have been able to stay potent for hundreds of years is motivating.

Being a mother

has also brought compassion to Amos' life.

Amos said her daughter, Natashya, has given her much more than she's ever been given before.

She said she knows she has what she needs because she can provide for herself and her daughter.

"Through these dark nights of the soul, I kind of had become my own mother," she said.

She offered advice for dealing with hard times: "There are going to be dark days. Welcome them. Give them a plate of spaghetti."

Tori Amos released her eighth full-length album, *Scarlet's Walk*, Oct. 29. She begins touring to promote the album Nov. 7 in Tampa, Fla.

who make her rethink how she puts one foot in front of the other, Amos said.

She said once Scarlet knows where she stands with herself, she sees where she stands with her true lover, the land.

Geography plays an important role in *Scarlet's Walk*. Amos said she uses the history and the culture that make up the land to influence the sound of the songs.

Other influences include early Neil Young and Pink Floyd and Fleetwood Mac's *Rumors*.

CD review

Tori Amos
Scarlet's Walk
(Epic)

Tori Amos' newest, *Scarlet's Walk*, is a journey complete with an official road map.

Each song on the 18-track concept album aims to take listeners to a different place in the country as Scarlet, Amos' character in the album, navigates the land.

The album's first single, "A Sorta Fairytale," catches Scarlet as she explores the Pacific coast and the fact that people who aren't necessarily good for us can make us change the course of our lives.

If you haven't yet seen the video for this song, go to mtv.com and download it now. "Fairytale," one of the album's best songs, is only strengthened by the bizarre images presented by the video's director, Sanji, who also directed Mary J. Blige's "No More Drama."

Track four, "Strange," became an instant favorite for this Toriphile. The song sounds similar to "Real Men" off last year's *Strange Little Girls* and its lyrics are as heartwrenching as they come.

The album,

which was inspired by a post-Sept. 11 cross-country journey, is speckled with feelings of bitterness, frustration and sadness, as might be expected from an album inspired by terrorist attacks.

Scarlet's Walk is most like *Under the Pink* and *From the Choirgirl Hotel* in terms of sound. While its lyrics aren't as striking as those on Amos' other seven releases, there are definitely high points.

I'm sure Tori fans will take "Let's just unzip your religion down," from "Crazy" and make it into one of the most well-known Tori-isms yet.

Many instruments, including drums, guitars and flutes, are incorporated into the songs, but Amos' chilling voice and beautiful artistry on the piano reign supreme.

This release is definitely a can't miss for any Tori fan, or anyone at all for that matter.

Grade: A

-Kristin Zagurski



Welcome to *The Jungle Book*

REVIEW BY
VALLERIE GUTSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The Dundee Dinner Theatre Hot Dog Matinee presents *The Jungle Book*, a play based on Rudyard Kipling's "Mowgli" stories.

The characters are familiar to anyone who has seen the Disney movie. Mowgli is a jungle boy who was raised by wolves. He lives in the bush with his good friends Baloo the bear, Bagheera the panther and Kaa the python snake. His mortal enemy is Shere Khan, a man-eating tiger. Khan wants to rule the jungle and it's up to Mowgli to defeat him.

The Jungle Book is directed by Amanda Link. The cast features Maura Duffy, Nick Herink, Denise Holling, Jaia Johnson,

Brandon Miller Mallory Sleight, Mairead Townley and Colten and Jordan Venteicher.

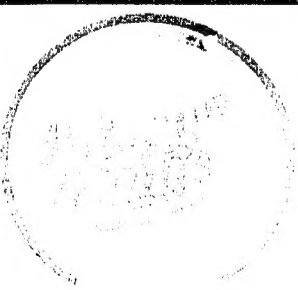
The *Jungle Book* will run from Nov. 9 through 23 on Saturdays only. The doors to the theater open at 11:15 a.m., lunch begins at 11:30 and the show starts at noon.

The cost for the show only is \$7, and for the dinner and show it's \$9.99 plus tax. Advanced reservations for the dinner are suggested.

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Jackass the Movie: 90 minutes of pranks and grotesque decadence

REVIEW BY
JOSH BASHARA
STAFF WRITER

The boys of MTV's hit television show *Jackass* finally got their own movie. Grossing an estimated \$22.7 million the premiere weekend, *Jackass the Movie* is the No. 1 film in the country.

Honestly, though, what's not to love? You've got the anti-Brad Pitt superhero Johnny Knoxville and his entourage causing mischief and mayhem from here to Tokyo.

For those who don't watch MTV (and God bless you), let me give you a little run-down of what *Jackass* is all about.

Jackass originally started as a series of videos called CKY (an acronym for Camp Kill Yourself) sponsored by skateboard companies featuring the chaotic kids Bam Magera, Ryan Dunn, Brandon Dicamillo and Raab Himself, just to name a few.

The videos were filled with pranks and shenanigans galore, with a smidgen of skateboarding thrown in. The videos are substantially more raw and crazier than what was to come next.

The CKY run of videos eventually spawned into the show *Jackass* on MTV, with the handpicked Knoxville taking center stage.

After a successful two-year run, *Jackass* fans now get treated to a 90-minute show in theaters, free of commercials and MTV censorship.

Knoxville and company thankfully keep the show true to form, the film devoid of any central plot and shot with lower-end cameras and equipment.

The movie parallels the original show, featuring skits of pranks, sadomasochism and grotesque decadence, with little random transition clips thrown in for good

measure.

Knoxville apparently pulls out all the stops this time around, subjecting himself to even greater lengths of self-mutilation, such as the "Paper Cut" skit, where Knoxville receives brutal paper-cuts between the webbing of his fingers and toes.

A look of desperation and hesitation can be seen flashing over his face before several scenes in the movie, like the seconds before he's shot in the stomach with a bean bag from a shotgun, or when he is about to go head-to-head with a professional boxer in a department store.

The real humor in the movie comes from Knoxville's cohorts. Magera continues to make his parents' life a living hell, dropping live alligators on their kitchen floor and playfully beating his dad, Phil.

Steve-O and the rest of the gang really amp the energy level up, subjecting themselves to some of the most shameful and painful acts you'll ever see — even on the big screen.

Even though I laughed a lot, I still felt like regurgitating popcorn after witnessing "yellow snow cones" being consumed and watching a toy car be anally inserted in hope of a funny-looking X-ray.

Jackass the Movie, despite its gag-factor, is still a movie worth seeing. Part of the appeal of the CKY/*Jackass* entity is that for a little while, you can be right alongside this group of carefree 20-something kids, causing trouble and laughing about it.

After all, where else are you going to get to see someone rent a car, stuff a couple inflatable sex dolls into it, run in through a demolition derby and then try to innocently return the totaled car to the rental agency?

Igby Goes Down: Not Salinger but still funny

REVIEW BY
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STAFF WRITER

In the great tradition of disgruntled youth movies like *The Graduate*, *Igby Goes Down*, written and directed by Burr Steers, explores the life of a boy who seems to have everything but what he really needs.

Igby (Kieran Culkin) is a 17-year-old boy who clashes with the old money ethic forced upon him by his self-absorbed mother, Mimi (Susan Sarandon) and his republican brother, Oliver (Ryan Phillippe). After losing his father (Bill Pullman) to schizophrenia and being

thrown out of every school he attends, Igby decides to find a life outside his privileged existence.

Set in New York, *Igby Goes Down* is reminiscent of *The Catcher in the Rye*, complete with a scene where Igby tells his shrink that he cannot stand "the hypocrisy" of his former school. Although the role of the disgruntled rich kid is overdone, Culkin is excellent as a boy trapped in a world in which he does not belong. Sarandon is also enjoyable as a pill-popping matriarch.

Unfortunately, no matter how hard I

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Scooter's: Better than Super Wal-Mart

REVIEW BY
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STAFF WRITER

For being the self-proclaimed "Birthplace of Nebraska," Bellevue is generally not the first to experience the cultural aspects of Nebraska. Recently, however, a development boom has turned Bellevue into suburbs nearing Utopia.

Many of us thought Bellevue had hit the peak of pop-cultural maturity with its acquisition of a Super Wal-Mart and Applebee's. How wrong we were!

Enter Scooter's Java Express coffee shop, just off 36th Street and Highway 370. More than a quaint coffee venue, Scooter's caters specifically to the caffeine-deprived with a convenient drive-thru in addition to the in-shop seating.

The fifth site in a chain of local Scooter's coffee shops, the Bellevue location is a *Trading Spaces* decorator's wet dream. Sleek, modern chairs and glass tables are situated on a pristine, ceramic-tiled floor, in the midst of walls splashed

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• Donald Leopold, M.D., professor and chairman of the department of otolaryngology — head and neck surgery, in otolaryngology

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Huskies take chunk out of Mavs

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

Quarterback Brian Masek threw for 297 yards and three touchdowns and was still outdone.

St. Cloud State quarterback Keith Heckendor threw for 369 yards and four scores as the Huskies pounded UNO 47-19 Saturday in a North Central Conference scrum.

St. Cloud totaled 686 total offensive yards, the most the UNO defense has given up this year. Along with Heckendor's tally, runningback Mark Birkel ran for 236 yards.

St. Cloud has only allowed two 100-yard rushers, and wasn't about to allow UNO to be the third. UNO only managed 57 total yards rushing.

James E. Johnson managed just 28 yards rushing and Masek had 20.

The Mavericks stated the scoring with a 20-yard passing play to Andy Damkroger. St. Cloud then scored two touchdowns and a field goal to gain a 16-6 lead. The Huskies fumbled the opening kickoff, which set up the short drive.

Ryan Krause then hauled in a 35-yard score, putting UNO down three points. It would be the last sniff of victory the Mavericks would see.

St. Cloud then scored another touchdown and a field goal to take a 26-13 halftime lead.

The Huskies opened the second half with a 77-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Koch, which all but put the game out of reach.

Ryan Krause scored again, but the Huskies piled on ten more points to take the win 47-19.

Nick Pearson led all defenders in scoring with 14 total tackles and UNO's Taiwo Onatolu came in with 13 tackles.

UNO fell to 4-5 on the year and 3-3 in the North Central Conference. St. Cloud State remained second in the NCC, with a 5-2 conference mark, 7-2 overall.

The Mavericks will host their last two NCC games next week against North Dakota State and Augustana.

Mav soccer team hits for seven in record-setting win

PAUL FREELEND
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Augustana made much more of a game of it against UNO's soccer team this season but the Mavericks still ran out 7-1 winners in the team's last regular season match.

Anne Willrett scored two goals for UNO (17-0, 8-0 NCC) as the win gave the Mavs a new single-season record for wins with 17, one more than the 2000 and 2001 teams. In addition, it was the last regular season match for seniors Stephanie Kruse, Julie Moeller, Michelle Villanueva, Akeisha Varnado and student assistant coach Jessica Butler.

Moeller, who tallied a goal and an assist for her first points of the season, said the team's objectives were to take care of business and enjoy their last regular season match.

"I think everyone was pretty pleased with how they played today," Moeller said. "Playing defensive midfield, I wasn't planning on coming in and scoring a lot, but it's a nice bonus. Today we just wanted to come out, have a good time and get a win to put a cap on a good regular season."

Kruse wasted little time putting her stamp on the match, scoring off a feed from Brytten Kraft 12 seconds after kickoff. Willrett doubled UNO's lead in the 19th minute, running onto a through ball from Moeller and putting her shot off the underside of the crossbar and in the net.

Goalkeeper Heidi Bargmann started the match at forward in place of the injured Varnado and scored her second goal of the season seconds before halftime. Stephanie Kirby played Bargmann in one-on-one with Augustana keeper Charise Hayward. Bargmann's first touch put her past the keeper, leaving her to roll her shot into an empty net.

Moeller kept the goals flowing four minutes after the restart as she tapped in a loose ball from a Kirby corner kick, putting the Mavs up 4-0. Ashley Grace nearly had her first goal of the match 10 minutes later, but her shot was cleared off the goal line and Katie Conlon's follow-up shot was saved.

Maverick goalkeeper Michelle Villanueva, starting her first game of the season, was called into action for the first time in the 72nd minute as she safely gathered a shot from Viking



Augustana's Katie Hoffman goes head-to-head with UNO's Heidi Bargmann during Saturday's game.

striker Lindsey Gerdes. UNO was further ahead two minutes later thanks to Grace. Grace collected a deflection from Tiffany Mac's shot, steadied herself at the top of the penalty box and curled her shot into the upper-left corner of the goal. Willrett had her second goal a minute later as she collected the ball at midfield, dribbled through the Viking defense and rolled in her 12th goal of the season.

Augustana kept battling, however and scratched back a goal seven minutes from time. Gerdes, who had five of her team's six shots on the afternoon, ran onto a long clearance,

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Ellis shows two sides as Mavs split hockey series

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

Heralded UNO goalie Dan Ellis has shown two very different sides thus far this season.

This weekend, Ellis was touched for five goals in 32:43 minutes Friday as UNO fell 8-2 to Western Michigan. He then came back to pull a shutout Saturday as the Mavericks earned the split with a 2-0 win.

Head Coach Mike Kemp has said all season that as Ellis goes so go the Mavericks. He stressed that again Saturday.

"We've said this before, we go as far as he carries us," Kemp told a UScollegiatehockey.com reporter. "At this level, goaltending is such a huge part of the game. We need him to play like he did tonight. He certainly tonight was on his game playing smart hockey in every area."

Ellis has shown characteristics of a light switch so far this season, being on one night and off another. In the season opener over Colgate, Ellis was pulled after giving up four goals in 10 minutes. He came back to shut down a high power Denver squad in a 3-2 loss in the Maverick Stampede championship game.

Again the trend was seen the previous weekend, as Ellis gave up six goals to Boston in a 6-4 loss, then held UMass to two goals in a 3-2 UNO win.

Both sides showed up this weekend and again the result was a

split. The Mavericks took two points from the Broncos this weekend and found themselves with four points in a tie for sixth place.

Friday night, the Broncos jumped out to a 3-0 lead right away. Lucas Drake and Brent Rumble both scored in the first period. Jeff Campbell scored his first of two goals to open the second period.

UNO's all-freshman forward line put the Mavs on the board 10:11 into the second period, with John Thomas registering his first collegiate goal. Micah Sanford and David Morelli were credited with assists.

Western, however, kept pouring it on.

Brent Walton scored and Patrick Dwyer converted on a penalty shot to put WMU up 5-1. Ellis then got yanked for only the second time in his career after making only 12 saves on 17 shots.

Brian Haaland came in and fared little better for UNO, surrendering three goals on 11 shots.

UNO's last goal came from Andrew Wong, his first on the year, with assists from Scotty Turner and Gus Groslie.

Campbell had two goals and three assists for the Broncos to earn first star honors.

"I think we had a good night tonight," an understated Jim Culhane said. "We executed on our special teams, worked hard for 60 minutes and also got a bounce. We

were hitting on all cylinders tonight."

Limiting shots on goal has been one of the new things to work on for UNO, which they did Friday, allowing just 28 total shots but Saturday went much better.

Western Michigan had just 22 shots on goal, which were all saved by Ellis, who brought out his brick wall side. The defense also blocked 18 shots, which limited the Broncos' opportunities.

"I think it came down to a number of blocked shots, at least 15 or 20, that couldn't get to the net," Culhane said. "We hit a post, Danny Ellis played pretty well and we didn't execute at times real well on the power play and it ends up being the difference in the outcome of the hockey game."

Sanford scored for UNO 2:41 into the second period to earn the game-winner. Groslie scored in the third to round out the game scoring.

Groslie saw his first action this weekend after coming back from post-concussion syndrome. It was the first action Groslie had seen all year. He tallied a goal and an assist in the two games.

In the win Saturday, Ellis got his fifth shutout.

UNO will host Alaska-Fairbanks at the Aud this weekend. Both the Friday and Saturday games start at 7:05 p.m.

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Powerhouse Willrett leads Mavs into NCC tourney

MELISSA KUCIREK

STAFF WRITER

There are two sides to every story and Anne Willrett's story goes with the norm.

Off the field she eventually wants to teach elementary school and coach younger players.

On the field, she's a powerhouse.

Willrett, the sophomore standout on UNO's nationally ranked No. 3 women's soccer team, has pushed the Mavericks' offense all season. But, it's the way she's doing it that makes defenses scared.

"There's an element of Anne that we haven't had," UNO Head Coach Don Klosterman said. "Not too many teams have a person like Anne."

Klosterman is speaking of Willrett's element of power. On the field Willrett is tearing up opponents' defenses. It could be because of her run and flip throw-in or because she's second only to senior standout Stephanie Kruse in total points, total goals, game winning goals, shots and assists.

"I try to be a physical player," Willrett, a forward on the squad, said. "Make sure everyone knows I have a

presence."

The daughter of Steve and Kathy Willrett said she's found success in most of the teams she's played on since she started the sport in kindergarten. In high school, she helped lead Omaha Marian High School to four consecutive Nebraska Class A High School Championships.

In 2001, Willrett won the Gatorade Circle of Champions Nebraska player of the year. After graduation she went on to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she played in 21 games for the Huskers.

"UNL, it was fun," Willrett said. "I liked it. But it was a lot of pressure. A lot of work. Soccer was almost as important as school."

Willrett said she's much more relaxed playing with the Mavs. Should she make a mistake, she said, it can be fixed the next time. She's also enjoyed making friends.

The Mavericks are 17-0 overall and 8-0 in the North Central Conference. They are ranked No. 1 in the NCAA Central Region going into the conference tournament.

Preparation for its success is done before most UNO students have gotten out of bed. The soccer team practices at 6:45 a.m., something that doesn't bother Willrett.

"Anne is team-orientated, she likes to win," Klosterman said. "That's her first goal. That mentality of that position is to score goals. What it boils down to is she wants us to win."

Willrett, along with Kruse and company, will lead the team into the NCC tournament, which UNO will host beginning Nov. 8.



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Anne Willrett does a flip throw in from the sideline during Saturday's game against Augustana. She helped lead the Mavs to a record-setting undefeated season.

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Sports programming: Is it here to inform or entertain?

Is it just me, or has SportsCenter gone from the premier show for the "World Wide Leader in Sports" to the hottest comedy sitcom for the fall season?

Remember when it used to be highlights, analysis and in-depth interviews with the players?

Now you tune into one of the 13 daily SportsCenters and you see the following antics: Kevin Frazier reciting the newest Jay-Z lyrics while calling Sacramento Kings highlights.

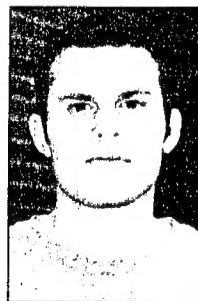
What about Sean Salisbury humiliating John Clayton after arguing with Terrell Owens about endzone celebrations, Stuart Scott and Rich Eisen pounding fists and "showing each other love" while breaking down a Monday Night Football game and Trey Wingo and Steve Levy playing video games trying to simulate the upcoming college football weekend?

Nick Bakay, the gambling guru, doing a five-minute piece on how losing your money on NFL games can turn out to be a pretty nerve-wracking, yet enjoyable experience.

If you're not catching my drift, it seems that over the last few years, SportsCenter, along with half a dozen or so other sports programs, has gone from focusing on the competition on the playing field to focusing on getting laughs from its audience. This brings me to the point of this week's column and perhaps a question all sports fans should ask themselves: are sports becoming too boring?

I asked myself that question last week while viewing the halftime show of the Orlando-Philadelphia opening night in the NBA game. Instead of watching Ernie Johnson and Charles Barkley (who conveniently debuted their own sports-entertainment show last Thursday) amaze me by dramatically weighing in on how the NBA is evolving into a foreign invasion, I witnessed musical great Santana, who probably doesn't know the difference between a cross over and a turnover, perform another "smash hit" in front of thousands of screaming fans.

The Raf report



Raf Czarnecki

I then realized that we are now living in a time where sports competitions have lost their luster and turned into venues where musicians and other entertainers can work their "magic" to keep the viewer at home from changing the channel.

Shows like the Best Damn Sports Show Period, where former players, "show business stars" and attractive young women turned sports experts talk about the most compelling stories in the world of sports while trying to crack a joke every 30 seconds, have turned into the norm for sports programming.

This has lead me to believe the age of fans tuning in for the sheer excitement of watching competitive sporting events featuring superior athletes battling for the highest stakes in the land has perhaps come and gone. It has been replaced by the all new "interactive, high-speed, make-me-laugh, young, fresh and sexy with a catchy rap beat in the background sports" age.

I may be wrong, but in a few years if Shakira, Nelly and Jimmy Fallon are hosting another episode of the "Sports Reporters 3," I think it will be safe to say that I was on to something.

Random thoughts (college football edition) ... Unbeaten no longer: North Carolina State - it was fun while it lasted ... Georgia - thanks for coming out ... Virginia Tech - maybe next year ... Notre Dame - green jerseys are the devil but Tyrone Willingham is still BCS bound ... As for the rest: four unbeaten left (go away Bowling Green), two shall falter this Saturday ... Nebraska's itinerary: beat Kansas, get rolled by Kansas State, sneak by Colorado and come away with an all-expenses-paid trip (as I called back in August) to the suckstobehere.com bowl in late December. Next week the Raf report will consist of a very special college basketball/NBA preview. Might want to pick that up and late.

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Mavericks Ashley Freeman (left) and Alyssa Matthes attempt to block an attack from Augustana's Sara Larson. UNO won the match 3 to 0.

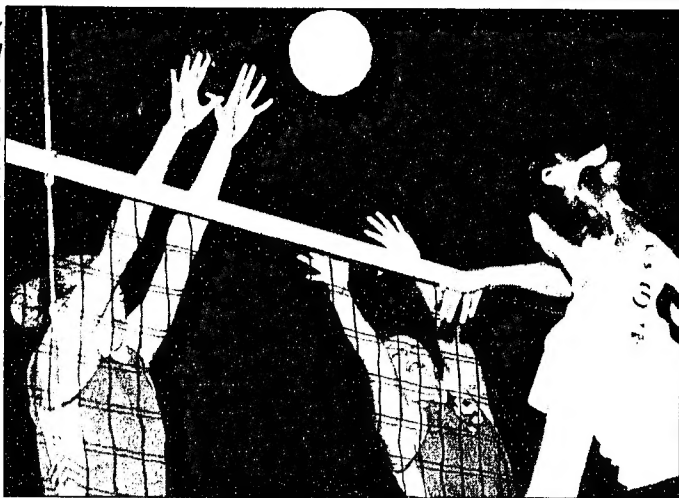


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Volleyball team upsets Augies, splits weekend series

PAUL FREELAND
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Head Coach Rose Shires' volleyball team earned its second win over a ranked North Central Conference opponent as UNO split weekend matches against Augustana and Minnesota State-Mankato.

Three Maverick players registered double-digit kills in UNO's 30-25, 30-27 and 30-23 sweep over No. 18 Augustana Friday. The Mavs and Minnesota-Mankato played in front of 721 fans at UNO's Sapp Fieldhouse Saturday, a season high for a home game, as MSM swept UNO 30-21, 30-26 and 30-14.

Jewelina Grennan led the Maverick attack against Augustana with 14 kills, but it was UNO's defensive efforts that were on full display. The 18th-ranked Vikings were held to a .098 hitting percentage on the night as the Mavs' defense dug 87 balls. Grennan and Heather VanAckeren each had 20 digs for UNO. Kylie Lebeda had 18 digs and Jenny Rankin had 13 digs.

Alyssa Matthes had 11 kills for the Mavericks. Rankin had 10 kills and Ashley Freeman had nine kills. Lebeda led UNO's distribution with 44 set assists and Teresa Stevens had two ace serves.

Just as the combination of errors and the Mavericks' defense dulled Augustana's attack, errors and No. 23

Minnesota-Mankato's defense slowed UNO's attack in its Saturday match. MSM recorded eight total team blocks in its sweep of UNO.

Saturday's crowd of 721 was the largest of the season at the Sapp Fieldhouse and the second largest crowd overall, second only to the 8,627 fans who saw the Mavs play University of Nebraska at Kearney in the Nebraska Volleyball Classic. The crowd saw UNO's 35 team kills on the night nearly cancelled out by the team's 27 attack errors. In contrast, MSM had just 14 hitting errors on the night as they hit for .283 in the match, including over .300 in two of the three sets.

Chelsea Miller led UNO's attack with 10 kills while Freeman and Rankin each added six kills. Grennan had 12 digs, VanAckeren had nine digs and both Rankin and Lebeda each had six digs.

With the weekend split, the Mavericks moved to 13-14 (3-9 NCC). Augustana fell to 16-11 (7-5) with its loss while MSM improved to 21-4 (9-4).

UNO will take to the road to play at North Dakota State (18-10, 5-7) Thursday before returning home Saturday for the team's final home match of the season against St. Cloud State (3-19, 0-13). The match is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

keep getting solid, well-coached players. Our team's chemistry and attitude all work well and every year our goals keep getting higher.

"Going through the regular season undefeated was a bonus but we still have goals to win the NCC tournament and advance into regionals."

Moeller echoed Kruse's sentiment on the team's chemistry, saying camaraderie off the field helps the team's performance on the field.

"Our team is different from a lot of other teams," Moeller said. "We're all very close. We're friends first as well as teammates and really helps when we step out on the field."

UNO will pursue the team's third consecutive North Central Conference post-season tournament title starting Friday when the Mavericks host North Dakota. The tournament's other semifinal match will feature Northern Colorado and Minnesota State-Mankato. The Mavs and the Fighting Sioux will kick off at 11:30 a.m. at Ak-Sar-Ben Field with the UNC-MSM match to follow at 2 p.m.

committed against her that she loses sight of the reason so many supported her — she cares about students and the university and has the knowledge and power to affect change.

Supporters rallied behind Vogel because she believes in herself.

She did not tell students she would attempt anything she didn't believe she could do, and that belief is what makes her a great leader.

So carry on with your fight, Ms. Vogel. You may not have the title, but you have the power.

from IGBY, page 11

want to like Phillippe, it is difficult when he constantly plays cold, heartless rich kids with snooty voices. In *Igby*, he is essentially Sebastian of *Cruel Intentions* fame but with less nude scenes. His role is somewhat distracting because it is so contrived.

Despite some obvious stereotypes — the flamboyant performance artist, the shallow rich crowd and the drug-addicted

dancer — *Igby Goes Down* is a witty movie backed with an excellent supporting cast. Jeff Goldblum, Claire Danes and Amanda Peet add to the plot as the people who alter Igby's life and add comic relief and character as well.

Igby Goes Down is not original, but it is fun to watch. Those looking for a life-altering experience would be better off reading some Salinger but those who want a good laugh will find this movie delivers.

from BETTER, page 11

with muted oranges and blues.

The clincher is the back of the shop, where bright, over-stuffed couches crowd around a real fireplace. It's got to be the most inviting coffee environment I've experienced. I was tempted to pull up a pillow and take a nap.

The prices are about what you'd expect for a coffee shop. Espresso drinks range from \$1.85 (for a regular-sized cappuccino) to \$3.50 (for something called a "Candy Bar Drink"). Thirteen smoothie flavors go for \$3.25 apiece. Juices are overpriced at \$1.25 and gigantic pastries and bagels go for anywhere from \$1 to

\$2.25.

As for the actual coffee, I've had a chance to sample the Caramelicious, (a latte with caramel sauce and whipped cream), which was delicious to a fake coffee-lover like myself. For true coffee snobs, however, it may be a little too sweet and manufactured.

In fact, Scooter's does a decent job of balancing between being a manufactured coffee chain you'd expect in West Omaha and a charming, authentic coffee shop you'd encounter in midtown. Although a bit too trendy for myself, it's still a welcoming environment. And for those of us living in Bellevue, it's one less trip we have to make into Omaha.

Economist Robert Shiller wonders why

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from SOCCER, page 12

touched the ball past the onrushing Villanueva and rolled the ball into the empty net.

Lisa Ayers restored UNO's six-goal lead two minutes from full time. The sophomore's shot glanced off the right post and went in, putting the Mavs up 7-1 and giving Ayers her first goal of the season.

UNO improved to 17-0 with the win while Augustana, routed 15-0 by the Mavericks the past two seasons, finished their season at 4-15-1 (1-7).

Kruse, Moeller, Varnado, Villanueva and Butler were all honored before the match for their four years with the UNO program. The senior class is the first to spend four seasons with the Maverick team.

Kruse said the continued quality of players brought into the program plays a large part in the successes of the current team.

"The members of this team keep getting better and better," Kruse said. "Every year we

from TITLE, page 8

If a student is intelligent, articulate and determined enough to make strides, (as Vogel is) he or she can do so with or without the title of student body president/regent.

Sure, it might be a bit more difficult, but that's all the more reason Vogel will deserve the respect of the students once she does something that really helps our cause.

She should not get caught up in the importance (or unimportance) of the title, nor get so wrapped up righting the wrong

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The Milo Bail Student Center is a Unit of Student Affairs



Tues., November 5th

7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry
9 am Take Pride
10 am "Warrior" & "Incident at Pgallala"
11:30 am Bruce Ellicon on Leonard Peltier
12 noon Teacher Education
12 noon Catholic Campus Ministry
12 noon African American Organization
12 pm Recruitment Services
4 pm Student Health Advisory Council
4 pm Delta Epsilon Chi
5 pm Student Government
6 pm Walgreen's Information Session
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta
6:30 pm Christ on Campus
7 pm Campus Crusade

7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu

8 pm Lutheran Campus Ministries
8 pm Circle K

Wed., November 6th

7 am Morning Prayer
8 am Goodrich Student Org.
9:30 am Student Affairs Professional Staff
10 am MPA Committee
11 am Quest
11:30 am Intertribal Student Council Film
11:30 am School of Social Work Scholarship
12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study
12 noon Omicron Delta Kappa
12 noon ALAS
12 noon Teacher Education
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
6 pm Raytheon
6 pm Delta Sigma Theta

Thurs., November 7th

9 am Larry Morgan's Staff Meeting
10 am Consider This . . .
11 am Quest
11 am Faces of America
2:30 pm Mayor's Commission
3 pm Panhellenic
3 pm Delta Sigma Pi
5 pm Theta Chi
5 pm Student Marketing
6 pm College Republicans
6 pm Kappa Delta Pi
6 pm Delta Sigma Pi
7 pm History Department
8 pm Campus Crusade

Fri., November 8th

8:30 am Student Affairs Leadership Team
9 am Recruitment Services

12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous
12 noon Interfraternity Council
2 pm Judicial Board
2 pm Service-Learning
3 pm Service-Learning
3 pm Greek Ideals Review
5 pm Theta Chi
6 pm Beta Alpha Psi
6:30 pm Christ on Campus

Sat., November 9th

7 am Theta Chi

Sun., November 10th

2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
2 pm Sigma Kappa New Members
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5 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
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6 pm Chi Omega
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Mon., November 11th

11:30 am Partners in Education/ S&P
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